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SUBJECT: STATUS OF WEIZMAN VISIT

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1. DURING MY MEETING WITH VP MUBARAK, EVENING MAY 6, I ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY FURTHER EXCHANGES WITH WEIZMAN. MUBARAK SAID NO MESSAGES HAD BEEN RECEIVED SINCE THE ONE HE HAD SHOWN ME (REFTEL). MUBARAK NOTED THAT ISRAELI MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS DETACHMENT HAS BEEN MOVED FROM TAHRA PALACE TO GIANACLIS. WEIZMAN HAD AGREED TO THIS MOVE AFTER HEARING REPORTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST GROUP RECENTLY APPREHENDED IN CAIRO.

2. MUBARAK THEN COMMENTED THAT WEIZMAN SEEMS TO THINK THAT HE AND GAMASY CAN SOLVE THE WHOLE PROBLEM. WEIZMAN SEEMS TO BELIEVE THAT GAMASY HAS AUTHORITY TO ACT ON HIS OWN. HE SHOULD REALIZE THAT ANY REPLY SENT BY GAMASY, OR COMMENT MADE BY THE LATTER, HAS TO BE CLEARED IN ADVANCE BY SADAT OR THE VICE PRESIDENT.

3. MUBARAK CONTINUED BY REITERATING HIS GROWING DISTRUST OF WEIZMAN. HE DESCRIBED WEIZMAN AS A MAN WHO PUTS ON A

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GOOD FRONT, BUT UNDERNEATH A JOVIAL EXTERIOR IS UNBENDING. HE PERSONALLY SUSPECTS THAT WEIZMAN HAD SURFACED ONLY PART OF ISRAELI DEMANDS IN SINAI. I RECALLED WE HAD PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED TO THE EGYPTIANS THAT THEY MIGHT BE SHOWING SO MUCH ATTENTION TO WEIZMAN THAT IT WAS HURTING HIM ON THE HOME FRONT. I HOPED THE PENDULUM WOULD NOT NOW SWING TOO MUCH THE OTHER WAY. WHILE WEIZMAN

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HAS HIS OWN IDEAS ABOUT PEACE, HE AND DAYAN REMAIN THE TWO
PRINCIPAL ISRAELI LEADERS WHO ARE GENUINELY SEEKING WAYS
AND MEANS TO PURSUE THE PEACE TALKS. THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN
FULL CREDIT FOR THIS. MUBARAK AGREED. EILTS

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